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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Ser. No.: 10/663,581	Filed: September 16, 2003	Examiner: Lori L. Coletta
Art Unit: 3612	Title: TAILGATE DUAL MODE HINGE WITH INTEGRATED CHECKER	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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			TOTAL		=	\$900.00

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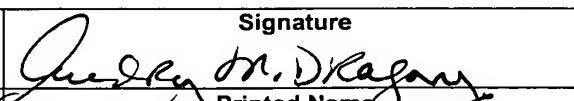
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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